Week's Doings at the National Capital.

THE "SPECIAL DELIVERY."

On Oct. 1 the new special delivery system of inch wide. These are to be sold by Postmasters | sincere feeling. The program was as follows: in any quantity desired to any person who | 1. Funeral chimes, 7 to 8 o'clock, Prof. F. Widdows. may apply for them. They can be used for no other purpose than that of securing immediate delivery of letters at offices where they are received. Under no circumstances can they be used for the payment of postage, nor can any other than the special stamps be used for the special delivery. If the sender neglects to stamp a letter with the necessary amount of prepaid postage, even though the special delivery stamp is put on, the letter will be considered unmailable and held for postage. The system applies only to letters, and not to pack-

ages of any kind. The delivery is made by messengers, who are required to be kept constantly on duty at the post-offices designated. They are paid 8 cents for each letter delivered, and no more, so that, whether the system-which is an experiment as yet-is successful or not, it cannot become a public expense. The first day at the Washington post-office 68 of these letters were received and delivered. It is believed by the Department officials that the system will soon become popular, as there are thousands of important business letters mailed daily, the gaining of an hour or two in the delivery of which may be of many times greater value to the parties than the cost of the special service.

A committee of clergymen appointed by the Ministerial Union waited upon President Cleveland and remonstrated against the employment of boys in the special delivery service on Sunday, on the ground that it would be prejudicial to their moral growth. The President listened | a radius of a mile. attentively, but gave them no assurance that the Postmaster-General's instructions would be

The following shows the number of specialdelivery offices in each State, being in towns

N. Y58	Va 11	N. C
Pa	Texas11	W. Va
Mass49	Kan10	Colo
Ohio47	Cal10	F13
III38	Minn 8	Ia.,
Ind27	N. H., 8	Nev
Mich 27	R. I 8	S. C
N. J23	Ga 6	Utah
Wis 20	Vt 6	Ark
Iowa19	Md 5	Ariz
Maine17	Tenn 5	Del
Conn 16	Ala 4	D. C
Mo14	Miss 4	N. M
Ky11	Neb 4	Ore

These figures are of interest as showing the have 464 of these cities and towns, and the Southern States 86. New York has three more than the whole of the 11 States which tried to secede from the Union. Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island form the most densely populated district in the United States. With a combined area of 13,970 square miles, they have 73 of these towns; while 14 Southern States-omitting Missonri-with area of 784,300 square miles, have 72. The ratio of these towns to area is in the former 52 times greater than in the latter.

RETURN OF MINISTER FOSTER. United States Minister Foster has just returned to Washington from Madrid. Speaking of the pending treaty negotiations, he said he thought the Spanish Government was willing to enter into a commercial treaty with the United States that would meet the views of the Administration. Spain had felt aggrieved at the withdrawal of the treaty last Winter, and this action of Congress had raised some obstacles to further negotiations, but these had been nearly or quite overcome, and he believed Spain was willing to meet the views of the United States. Mr. Foster is in excellent health, and when congratulated on his escape from the cholera, said: "There was not much occasion to fear the epidemic in Madrid, if a person took ordinary precautions as to diet, habits, etc. deal of credit for the energy with which they fought the disease. The sanitary condition and resources at their command were superior to those of most European cities, and they were used to the best advantage; so that, while the epidemic was raging almost uncontrolled in towns almost within sight of the city, in Madrid it was held in check. But Spain has suffered terribly. The scourge has cost the lives of not less than 100,000 persons, and no one here can realize the terror and desolation it has caused. Great Britain sent commissioners to observe and study the plague, and I saw a good deal of them while they were in Madrid. After they

THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. It is now definitely settled that the Civil Service Commission will be entirely reorganized. In addition to the resignation of President Eaton, mentioned last week, Dr. Gregory has also tendered his resignation to the Presiseems to be in the air that Thoman must "go" with his associates, whether he desires it or not, and the three big easy chairs will soon be filled by others. Among those most prominently mentioned for Commissioners are Prof. Smart. and Edward O. Graves, Chief of the Bureau of | for the idea! Engraving and Printing. In order that the good Democrat on the Board. The greatest civil service reform strongly enough to qualify him for the place. This fact has a somewhat depressing influence upon the President. He beautiful theories of reform are meat and drink, but they do not fill the bill in all respects.

had got well along in their investigations, they

informed me that this was the worst epidemic

that has visited Europe since the Middle Ages."

THE SILVER DOLLARS. Notwithstanding the fact that silver dollars are a drug in the financial market, they are still being coined at a rapid rate. During the month of September 1,700,000 of them were sound of the tack-hammer has ceased. New made at the Philadelphia mint. At all the sub- carpets cover some of the floors, and others delivered by Mayor Reno, and received hearty treasuries these dollars are accumulating in have been relaid. The great curtains are hung applause. At its conclusion Gen. Belknap inlarge quantities, the supply far exceeding the in the East Room, and the Red, Blue and Green demand. The 10,000,000 brought to Wash- Parlors. The furniture has been cleaned and ington by the steamers Swatara and Yantic | touched up with varnish, and a few new pieces from New Orleans have been safely transferred placed here and there. Almost the entire first Maj. H. C. McArthur and Gen. Sanders. Gen. to the vaults of the Treasury. The silver ques- | floor is now open to the public. Nearly all piltion promises to disturb the peace of Congress | grims to Washington pay a visit to the White the coming Winter. A determined fight will House. For their convenience our beneficent be made against what the enemies of this much- | Government keeps two or three ushers who abused coin declare to be a debasement of our | conduct visitors through the rooms and point currency by the circulation of a dollar the in- out to them in a perfunctory way the various trinsic value of which is but 85 cents. The silver men, under the leadership of Congressman Warner, of Ohio, are mustering their forces to resist the threatened onslaught, and a bitter contest is expected.

GEN. HAZEN AT HIS POST. Gen. W. B. Hazen, Chief of the Signal Service Bureau, has returned from an absence of two months in Europe, and has resumed business at the old stand. It may fairly be presumed that any irregularities in the weather that may have existed during his absence, owing to the inexperience of his subordinates, will be corrected, now that the firm hand of the Chief is again at the bellows. The General's principal errand abroad was to attend the Meteorological Congress at Paris, the object of which was to bring about a desirable uniformity in the systems of various countries. Being asked how our signal service compares with those of other countries, Gen. Hazen said: "It is immeasurably superior. We have such breadth of land and length of wire that we can gather much earlier and more accurate information regarding the weather probabilities. approaching storms and so on, than anywhere else in the world. That is one of the benefits of the telegraph system to this country."

A UNION SOLDIER LOSES HIS POSITION. been a clerk in the Post-Office of Baltimore city | standing, Smith applied an offensive epithet | toast "Our Brigade" was responded to by G. P. at a salary of \$1,000 per year, has been re- to Wise, whereupon the latter promptly knocked | Pray, of the 16th Iowa; "Our Country," by quested to resign by Postmaster Veazey. Mr. | him down with a well-directed blow from his | President Pickard, of the State University; "the King passed a satisfactory Civil Service examifist, which caused the blood to flow freely from | President of the United States," by W. H. nation, and was considered a competent clerk. the somewhat damaged countenance of Mr | Michael, of the 11th Iowa; "Army and Navy of

Sometime ago previous to this his salary had been reduced to \$300, and he was assigned to night work. He served in the war for the Union, and incurred disabilities in the service of his country from which he suffers severely.

GRANT MEMORIAL SERVICES. On Thursday evening, Oct. 1, services in memory of Gen. U. S. Grant were held at the Metropolitan Methodist Church under the auspices of Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic. There was an appropriateness in the selection of the place of meeting, Gen. Grant having been a regular attendthe Post-Office Department was begun. It pro- ant at the Metropolitan Church during his vides for the immediate delivery, in all cities | residence in Washington. The occasion called and towns having a population of 4,000 or over out a very large audience, filling the spacious by the last Federal census, of letters bearing | church in every part. The exercises throughthe 10-cent special delivery stamp in addition out were replete with interest. Every heart to the regular postage. The stamp for this was touched with the spirit of the hour, and purpose is 1 7-16 inches long and 13-16 of an | there were frequent manifestations of deep and

Minute beils tolled on the large bell of the chimes, and the following selections played at intervals: I. Funeral changes in E minor. 2. I would not live alway. 3. Safe in the arms of Jesus. 4. Angels ever bright and fair. 5. Ave Maria-Schubert. 6. Vital spark of Heavenly flame. 7. Thou art gone to the grave. 8. O, rest in the Lord. 9. Nearer, my God, to thee. 10. Trummeri-Schuman. 11. Miserere-Trovatore. 12. Dead March from Saul. this respect, and appease the public appetite, is Organ voluntary, Dr. J. W. Bischoil. as much a duty that cannot safely be neglected

Calling meeting to order, Department Com-Prayer, Rev. E. D. Huntley, Pastor Metropolitan M. E. Church Singing, St. Cecilia Quartet. 6. Memorial Address, Gen. John A. Logan, Past Commander-in-Chief of the G.A.R. Singing, St. Cecilia Quartet.

Benediction, Rev. Benjamin Swallow, Department Chaplain. After conclusion of the above ceremonies, Prof. Widdows played on the chimes the following melodies: 1. Changes and National Salute. 2. Hail to the Chief. 3. Raily Round the Flag. 4. Hail Columbia, 5. Glory Hatlelujah. 6. Red White, and Blue. 7. Tramp, the Boys are Marching. 8. Marching through Georgia. 9. English National Anthem. 10. Dixie and Yankee Doo-dle. 11. Home, Sweet Home. Gen. Logan's address was eloquent and mas-

terly, commanding during its delivery the closest attention. The address is given in full elsewhere in this issue, and will be read with interest by all. The music of the bells, as rendered by Prof. Widdows upon the Metropolitan Church chimes, was excellent and was listened to with pleasure by thousands, within

An incident which occurred during the delivery of Gen. Logan's speech, though seen by few, was enjoyed by those who did observe it. Gen. Logan was well advanced with his address, and it would be natural to suppose his throat had become dry. Mrs. Logan, who sat on the fourth row from the front in the body of the church, was quick to notice the want, and, catching the eye of a Grand Army man, communicated her desire and soon a glass of water was placed beside the orator, who touched his lips to it with a grateful glance toward the one whose thoughtfulness had supplied his | filed past him into the corridor. The "levee"

The following letter was received from Col. Lamont by Past Department Commander Harrison Dingman about the time the service was over and too late to be read:

The President directs me to convey to you his thanks for your courteous invitation to the Grant memorial ceremonies to be held this evening, and | and a slight movement of three or four inches.

MORE WAR VESSELS. its report. It recommends plans in detail for he was expected to move on. The smile rearmament, not less than \$1,100,000 each. One a three-year-old child approached. The Presian hour; the main battery to consist of two 8non; the secondary to contain four 57mm. reached down and took the little velvet hand rapid-firing Hotehkiss cannon, four 47mm. revolving Hotchkiss, one 37mm. low-power Hotchkiss and two short Gatlings. There should also be a complete outfit for the Whitehead torpedo, suitable for six above-water that the battery should consist of 12 6-inch

For the heavily armed gunboat of about 1,600 tons displacement, costing, exclusive of armament, not more than \$520,000, the Board recom- his lips moved as if to say, "I'm glad to see mends the following as the general features of a twin-screw vessel: Length, 230 feet; breadth of beam, 35 feet; mean low draught of water, 14 feet; load displacement, 1,700 tons; speed, The authorities of that city deserve a great 16 knots per hour. The main battery should consist of six 6-inch breech-loading rifled guns, and the secondary of two 57mm. and two 47mm. high-power single-shot rapid-firing Hotchkiss cannon, two 37mm. revolver Hotchkiss, one Hotchkiss boat gun and one short Gatling gun.

For the light gunboat of about 800 tons displacement, costing, exclusive of armament, not more than \$275,000, the Board recommends the construction of a single screw composite gun vessel, of length on water-line 165 feet; breadth of beam, 31 feet; mean load draught of water, 11 feet 9 inches; displacement at load draught, 870 tons; speed, 12 knots per hour. The main battery should consist of four 6-inch, breechloading, high-power rifled guns, and the secondary of two high-power, single-shot 47mm. Hotchkiss rapid-firing cannon, two 37mm. re-

gun and one short Gatling gun. POLITICAL CRANKS. was an active member of the Democratic Nadent, and it will be accepted. It is not likely | tional Committee during the last Presidential that Judge Thoman, the Democratic member of | campaign, "what curious notions some enthuthe Commission, has a burning desire to resign, siasts get into their heads. Last Fall we were Wilson, of Newton, McPherson's Provost Maras the position is a comfortable one with a good | a good deal bothered by a chap who insisted salary, and the incumbents do not have to saw that he had devised a great scheme, one that wood or carry in coal unless they want to. But it | would make the election of Cleveland and Hendricks an absolute certainty. What do you suppose it was? Well, he proposed that the committee send up a million balloons, all over | night were extremely interesting. On the platthe country, with portraits of our candidates form were the prominent military men above upon them, and a few pungent words of advice of Indiana, State Superintendent of Education, to the voters. He wanted us to pay him \$10,000 man sat side by side, both prominent figures at

"There was another fellow who proposed ship of state may be kept on an even keel, it | that we get a vast quantity of dinner plates, of War; Gov. Kirkwood, ex-Secretary of the will be highly essential to have at least one with portraits of Cleveland and Hendricks upon them, to be scattered among the Republican | eral. Adj't Alexander represented the militia difficulty appears to be to find one who favors farmers. The honest grangers, he said, as the of Iowa, and it can be safely said that never corned-beef and cabbage and potatoes disappeared from the plates would be in a happy | bly never in the history of the State, has such frame of mind, and as they looked upon the an array of military talent gathered upon one can find "Mugwumps" enough to whom these benignant faces of those noble men upon their platform. Gen. Belknap, the President, gazed empty plates they would feel like rushing pell- with admiration upon the sight before him, mell to the ballot boxes to vote for them. It and a handsomer lo of men than the brigade, was a great scheme."

AT THE WHITE HOUSE, The work of "cleaning house" at the Executive Mansion has just been finished, and the objects of interest. A season of unusual social gayety is expected this Winter. Society people generally are preparing for an active campaign.

JUMBO'S BONES. It appears that Mr. Barnum has withdrawn his proffer of Jumbo's skeleton to the National Museum, and intends to retain it in the "great- | Gen. James Wilson introducing the strangers to est show on earth." He will also keep the Mrs. Crocker and her daughters. On the second stuffed hide of the monster, thus adding two and closing day an immense crowd gathered in huge curiosities to his show, which can be main- | the City Park, attracted by the announcement tained without cost of food or keeper. Prof. that prominent members of the brigade would Baird does not like losing the prize, and is in speak there. The reveille was sounded by Edcorrespondence with Mr. Ward, of Rochester, win B. Purdy, a Regular Army trumpeter, sent and Mr. Barnum, and is doing all he can to for the occasion by Gen. Terry from Fort Snelrescue the bones, as their use for show purposes ling. Gen. Belknap was introduced by Dr. would damage them. They could not properly | Clapp, and gave a most excellent address. At be soaked and articulated within a year, and | the close of his speech Capt. Cree moved that the jar of being hauled about the country on | the audience give three cheers for the General, railroad cars would ruin them.

NO DANGER OF A FIGHT. Alexandria has been for some days in a sulphurous condition by reason of an expected duel | listeners. Then came the German rendering between Hon. John S. Wise, Republican candi- of "Barbarie Frietchie," by Gen. Jack Stibbs, date for Governor of Virginia, and Hon. J. the song being received, as it always is, with Ambler Smith, formerly a member of Congress | the hearty plandits of the audience. Capt. J. from that State, now an attorney in Washington. S. Hedley, of the 32d Ill., then delivered a fit-They were fellow-passengers on a train between | ting and well-received address, which was folthe two cities, Wise being on his way to make | lowed by three cheers for the Captain. a campaign speech at Alexandria. In a per-Col. Robert King, who for some time has sonal altercation, growing out of a feud of years | was enjoyed thoroughly by the veterans. The

although in this particular case no great amount Mr. Wise having some time ago, after being engaged in several "affairs of honor," publicly and forever renounced the duello " for the sake of his wife and children." The fact is, however, that so rarely is anybody hurt in a Virin fact personal injury of any kind in these upon the premium rate of a life-insurance

"SEEING THE PRESIDENT." the juvenile world, before his late lamented event to be remembered with pride by our encounter with a railway train, was not a citizens. greater object of interest as a pachyderm than is a live President as a conspicuous representative of the human race to the average man or woman. So it is that few who visit Washington do not feel that their pilgrimage has been a failure if they are not permitted to look into the face of His Excellency and shake the Presidential hand. To gratify the popular whim in

as are the weighty matters appertaining to his

high office. President Cleveland has resumed his informal receptions in the East Room, to the ex- | To Benny Havens, O! tent of three each week, on alternate days. On Monday there were over a hundred in waiting long before 1:45 p. m., the time appointed There were old and young, from grandfathers and grandmothers to babes in arms. There were grooms and blushing brides, who would remember their visit to the White House as an incident of the honeymoon. There were tourists, with little gripsacks in their hands, ready to continue their sightseeing tour of the National Capital as soon as the ceremony was over. There were people from the city and people from the country; people in all classes of life -a thoroughly democratic gathering, the word

not being used in a political sense. There was a good deal of impatient fidgeting and "wishing he would come," as the crowd moved about through the East Room and the spacious vestibule, awaiting the appearance of the Executive. At 1:30 a very black man, carrying upon his shoulder a hod loaded with wood passed up the front stairway.

Finally an electric bell rattled, setting everybody on the qui vice. "Pass into the East Room, please," said the chief usher, and the expectant guests were not slow to obey. After 10 minutes more of waiting the doors were thrown open. The President crossed the threshold with a slight bow and a benignant smile. Advancing two or three paces he took his position, flanked by two of the ushers, and began the usual mechanical process of shaking hands, as the people was wholly informal, none being introduced by name, except a few who gave their own patronymics, knowing that the President would feel an aching void in his life if they did not

It wasn't very much of a "shake" that anybody got-only a feeble pressure of the hand relative density of population in different sections of the country. The Northern States have 464 of these cities and towns and the not reciprocated to any great extent. Very little was said as the procession moved by; a The special board of naval officers appointed few stopped to talk, but after a sentence to consider plans for the additional war vessels | or two the President would give his hand to authorized by the last Congress has submitted | the next, as a hint to the talkative patriot that the construction of the two cruisers of 3,000 to | mained upon the President's face, and beamed 5,000 tons displacement, costing, exclusive of | with equal effulgence upon all. A lady leading of these, it says, should be a twin-screw pro- dent shook hands with the lady and then tected steam cruiser 300 feet long, 47 feet beam, glanced at the next in the line. But she 19 feet mean draught, the speed to be 18 knots | pointed to the little toddler that was looking up with its great, wondering eyes into the face inch and eight 6-inch breech-loading rifled can- of the strange man. Then the President between his big thumb and finger, and the lady went her way rejoicing. A man apparently from the backwoods had in his hand a sort of corkscrew cane, which he seemed to have whittled out. He presented it to the President launching tubes. The second cruiser should be | with a broad grin and a few unintelligible exactly similar to that here described, except | words, the President thanking him and handing the stick to one of the ushers.

Unless directly addressed, the President said nothing to any of his guests. As each looked into his face at the moment of hand contact, you," or "How d'ye do?" but no word was audible. The whole ceremony was over in 15 minutes and the President went up stairs to his room. PERSONAL.

The President has notified Surgeon-General Hamilton, of the Marine Hospital Service, that he has decided to make no change in the office now held by Dr. Hamilton, and therefore declines to accept his resignation, which was to have taken effect Oct. 31.

CROCKER'S BRIGADE.

Its Reunion at Iowa City a Grand Success. The Reunion of Crocker's Iowa Brigade at Iowa City, Iowa, Sept. 23 and 24 was attended by over 600 members, and was one of the most enjoyable gatherings the old veterans of Iowa have yet held. The private residences and stores were handsomely decorated with flags, flowers and evergreens, and the city thronged with visitors during the entire week. Among volver Hotchkiss cannon, one Hotchkiss boat the prominent men in attendance were Gen. W. Q. Gresham, ex-Postmaster-General, and Gen. John McArthur, both division command-"You have no idea," said a gentleman who ers; Gen. A. Hickenlooper, last commander of the division, of Cincinnati; Gen. Wm. E. Strong, Gen. McPherson's Inspector-General; Gen. Add H. Sanders, of Davenport; Gen. Jas. shal; Adj't-Gen. Alexander, of Des Moines, and Gen. W. W. Belknap. Mrs. Crocker, the widow of the commander of the brigade, was also in attendance.

The exercises at the Opera House on the first mentioned. Gov. Kirkwood and Gov. Sherthe entertainment. Three ex-Cabinet Ministers were present: Gen. Belknap, ex-Secretary Interior: Gen. Gresham, ex-Postmaster-Genbefore in the history of Iowa City, and probafilling the body of the house, was probably never before witnessed, and their manly bearing and many silver heads made a remarkable sight, with the beautiful display of flags and banners that encircled them.

The address of welcome to the veterans was troduced Gov. Kirkwood, who made an eloquent speech to the veterans. Speeches were also Belknap's speech, in reply to Mayor Reno's address, was a fine effort, and drew forth round after round of applause from the audience. He

spoke as follows: The speech of Gen. Belknap will appear in next week's paper.] The oration of Gen. Hickenlooper was also received with great applause, as was that of

Gov. Sherman. The reception tendered to Mrs. Crocker at the St. James was a most enjoyable feature, Gen. Belknap and his son, H. R. Belknap, and and they were given with a good will. Gov. Sherman was then introduced and delivered The air in the vicinity of Washington and one of his impromptu addresses, which was received with thorough appreciation by his

The closing banquet was a brilliant affair, and

Smith. Of course, according to Southern ideas | the United States," by Gen. W. E. Strong, of of "honah, sah," a recourse to the code was con- | Chicago; "the State of Iowa," by Gov. Sherman; sidered inevitable, as the only proper thing to "U. S. Grant," by ex-Gov. Kirkwood; (when be done under the circumstances. Smith Gov. Kirkwood had finished his speech Gen. wanted to fight, or at least claimed that he did, | Belknap made a few remarks on the same subject); "the Women of our Country, in Peace and of courage was necessary for such declaration, War," by Gen. James Wilson, of the 13th Iowa; "Our Former Enemies, our Present Friends' was to have been responded to by Gen. Govan (Confederate,) but as he was not present it went without response. Gen. Belknap introduced to the brigade Mrs. Gen. Crocker and two daughginia duel that considerations of this nature lose | ters, and they were received by them standing, much of their force. The ratio of mortality, or | with three cheers, as were a little later Mrs. Col. Hall and her daughters. Then, after affairs, is so slight that it need have no effect | Bagler Purdy had sounded the "retreat" and "tatoo" and "taps," the audience retired, and the Cocker Iowa Brigade Reunion at Iowa City was a thing of the past, but in every way credit-Jumbo, in the heyday of his popularity in able and satisfactory to all concerned, and an

During the Reunion the following "Song of Crocker's Iowa Brigade" was sung by Maj. H. C. McArthur to the air of "Benny Havens, O!

Hurrah! for our four regiments! Hurrah for Crocker's boys! We'll cheer them and we'll shout for them Aloud, with joyful noise. We'll sing the songs of our brigade, And our own bugles blow,

Until we're ordered in, at taps, To Benny Havens, O!

Oh! Benny Havens, O! Oh! Benny Havens, O! Until we're ordered in, at taps,

In memory of our Crocker, We drop the soldier's tear; And tell our children of his name-

A name we all revere. As the winds of Western Iowa Across the prairies blow, They'll bear the story of his fame To Benny Havens, O!

The Colonels of our old brigade Are not forgotten new; They swore to do their duty well, And always kept their yow. Hall was a gallant soldier;

Reid never cared for show; But in a fight, fought for the right, And Benny Havens, O! Chambers and Hare have from us Our greetings when we meet;

And may Shane's life be full of joy, And peaceful at retreat. We send to Abercrombie Kind words as on we go; And make Ad. Sanders feel as big

As Benny Havens, O! The bummers were a lively lot; You should have seen them then: Each morning they were fifty strong. Each night two hundred men;

And when they heard of first-class pork,
How fast their ranks would grow—
Of men who gobbled grub for us
And Benny Havens, O! Dad Nees, of the Eleventh, Was always hard to beat;

He loved to forage for the boys When they were out of meat He dug out sweet potatoes With his bayonet for a hoe, And cooked them on a stove he stole From Benny Havens, O!

The Thirteenth bragged on Limber Jim, And on Abijah Cox-Who were sharp as any bummers, And as cunning as the fox. They captured hams and sausages,

And roosters that would crow

For Benny Havens, O!

And keep the camp awake all night

Dave Hornbaker and Bill Cockayne The Fifteenth will remember, On that cold Christmas march we made To Redbone, in December. They grabbed the chickens from their roosts, And dressed them in the snow; And, when they are them, left but bones

What fellow in the Sixteenth Has forgotten old Al. Mix, Who, when the rebels chased him back, Put in his biggest licks? His chickens were all yellow-legs, He knew where good things grow,

For Benny Havens, O! On skirmish-line, in rifle-pit, Our soldiers fighting fell; Of mingled dead of rank and file True history will tell.

And always got the very best

Eleventh's Foster always went Where any man could go, And with him Wajker joined the ranks Of Benny Havens, O

The men who carried the musket. The men who won the fight, They faltered not, but bravely stood In ranks, by day and night. They bore our glorious banner Before a daring foe That yielded to the Stars and Stripes

Of Benny Havens, O! The Adjutants of our brigade-God bless them all we say; For when they made their details out To hear was to obey, And when they marched on dress parade

And stood us in a row, We surely thought them twice as big As Benny Havens, O! Cadle in Alabama dwells, And Candee in the West;

Myer and Anson don't respond— Are they at Parade Rest? Lawrence and Stidger are not here-Their orders came to go; We'll meet them at our last tattoo With Benny Havens, O!

Kinsman now works for Uncle Sam. Rood in Mount Vernon dwells: Wilson in Jasper runs a bank, And Clark of Shiloh tells; King, as Presiding Elder, waits For Gabriel's trump to blow !

And Pomutz-has passed in his checks To Benny Havens, O! The fighting Fourth Division Was never known to yield; Brave Gresham fell far in the front

On fierce Atlanta's field. Smith sought the midst of battle With his face toward the foe; McArthur's Scotch cap waved us on To Benny Havens, O! The Thirty-second Illinois Marched with us to the sea

In sixty-four and sixty-five, Those years of jubilee. First Minnesota Battery. How quick your shots would go To tell the rebs that we were there, With Benny Havens, O!

Here's to gallant General Hedrick-He was badly shot, you know; Atlanta's fight found him in front, Where he would always go.

And when we marched on Washington, Where we were glad to go, We found him drinking feed champagne With Benny Havens, O!

We remember our McPherson-Brave, gallant, through and through: Whose memory is sacred To all the Boys in Blue. Blair was a noble soldier, Beloved by friend and foe;

We'll ne'er forget them when we sing Of Benny Havens, O! Hurrah for General Sherman, Our gallant old "Tecump"; He whooped us up when on a march, And made the rebels "hump."

From Vicksburg to Savannah

God bless the grand old hero,

To Benny Havens, O!

And Benny Havens, Ot

And Benny Havens, O!

He fought and flanked them so,

They thought it was the very devil With Benny Havens, O! Here's to our great commander-Who, when he moved upon their works, Had no such word as "can't."

His time had come to go, And he is safely home, at last, With Benny Havens, O! Hurrah for Hickenlooper,

Our gallant Engineer, Who, when the boys would "whoop her" up Knew no such word as fear. He built our bridges, cut our roads, And told us where to go; And now he'll blaze the way for us

Oh! here's to General Belknap— Our leader tried and true; As brave as any lion Where there was work to do. So, when his labor's ended, And he is called to go, He'll find his name enrolled with ours

Then cheer on cheer for Belknap, The bully boy, you know,
Who jerked a "reb" across the works
In a way that wasn't slow. When we march up to heaven, Where we all hope to go, We'll pitch his tent in camp with us

The marches of our army
We never can forget,
In mud and dust, and heat and snow, And weather dry and wet.

And when the cavalry rushed back

And made their usual blow,

We knew there was a fight ahead

For Benny Havens, O! The Doctors came at sick-call. And did their work up brown, With sweet blue mass and Epsom salts To wash the quinine down. With "spiritus frumenti"

Oh! how they'd love to saw the bones Of Benny Havens, O! They say all Quartermasters Look out for number one; But when we shouted "sowbelly," They knew work must be done.

They soothed the soldier's wo

Dick Cadle, Ragsdale, Little Hope— We blessed with words of wo; But now wish them and Higley well With Benny Havens, O!

The Sutler watched for pay-day-Then he was always fou For when the greenbacks were paid out The Sutler was around. But when the boys went for him, His heart would fill with wo

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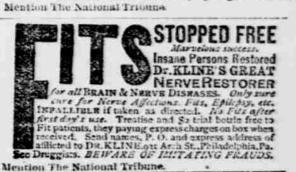
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